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A Stockman's paradise. . . (189-).

"A STOCKMAN'S PARADISE"



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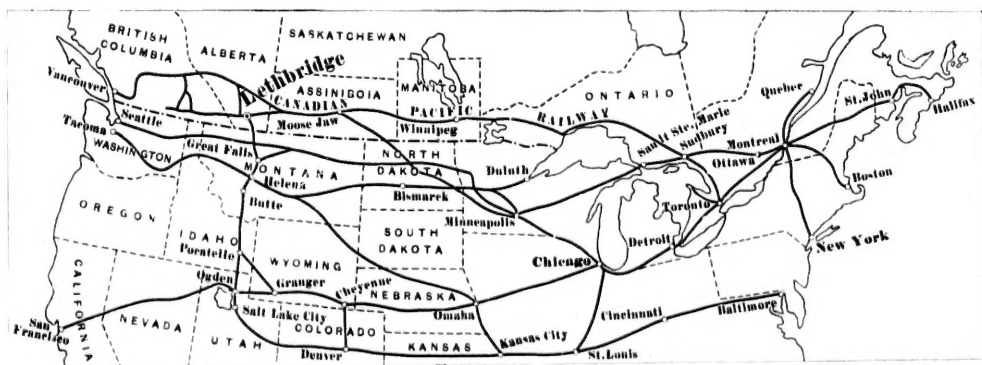
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THE HOME OF
LARGE FAT CATTLE.

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NORTH-WEST IRRIGATION COMPANY,
LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA, CANADA. . . .

ROUTE TO LETHBRIDGE,
CENTER OF MILK RIVER REGION.

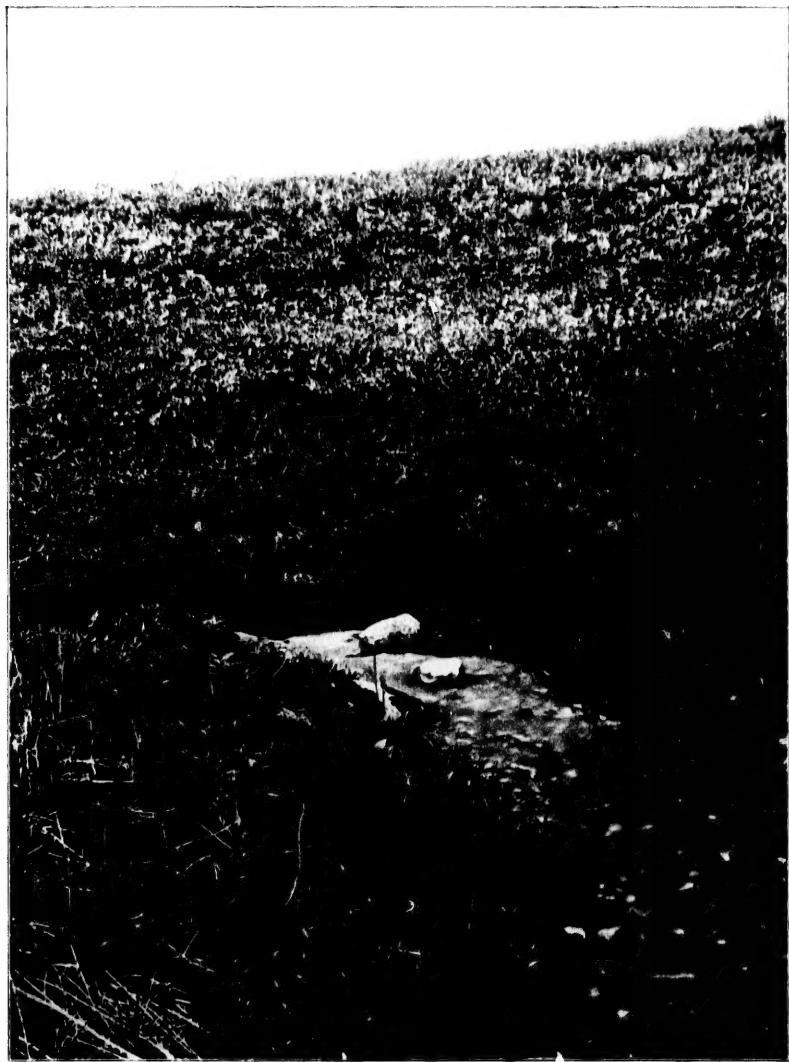




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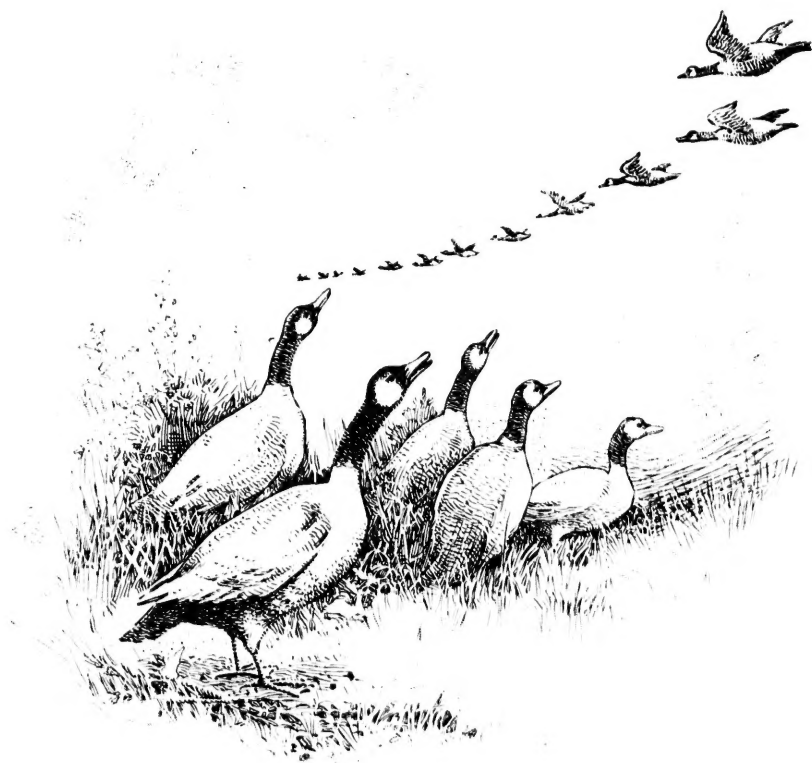
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AN IDEAL SPRING.



THE OBJECT of this book is to draw the attention of Stockmen in the United States and elsewhere to the ranching lands of the Milk River Ridge District of Southern Alberta, Canada.



WILD GESE.



THE CUTS herein are from photographs taken in the Milk River Ridge District. The object being to give some idea of the appearance of the country, the grass, springs, lakes, etc.

RIGHT TO ACQUIRE AND HOLD LANDS
IN CANADA.

The Canadian laws are as liberal as any in the world. Aliens have equal rights with citizens in



"SURFEITED."

acquiring and holding property and citizenship is not pressed upon any man.

A well-known stockman of Salt Lake City, Utah, owns over 40,000 acres of Milk River Ridge lands, and successfully conducts thereon a large ranch in charge of a responsible man, whom he visits once or twice each year.

CLIMATE.

The climate of Southern Alberta may be said, without fear of contradiction, to be the finest and mildest in North Western Canada, and, indeed, the whole of Canada. The winter is very similar to the



WHERE STEERS GROW FAT.



HORSES FORDING BELLY RIVER.

MINNICO
BUFFALO



"MEAT AND DRINK"

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avored parts of Montana. Intense cold is not common, and is of short duration; the snow-falls rarely remain on the ground for any length of time; horses and cattle graze all the year round. The district has acquired the favorable reputation it bears owing to the "Chinooks," or warm winds, from the Pacific coast.

In summer, the duration of daylight extends for nineteen hours, with the result that crops more speedily mature, and the healthiness of the climate is much increased. Indeed, owing to its high altitude and dry climate, this district is regarded as a rival of that of Colorado.



THE MCINTYRE RANCHE CORRALS.

"THE FINEST GRASS COUNTRY IN AMERICA."

This is no extravagant statement. It is a fact. This expression, and "A Stockman's Paradise," have been used time and again by stockmen coming into the district for the first time, having had no knowledge of the possibilities of ranching outside of the United States. If Southern Alberta was better known, then this little book would remain unwritten.

Looking back about twenty-five years, this region was an immense Buffalo range; but the only traces now left of "The Monsters of the Plains" are the numerous trails or paths worn down into the earth by their passage, especially to and from water.



A TEMPTING RANGE.



TENANTLESS



CANAL OPPOSITE MAGRAH

The value of the district for stock-raising purposes has long since been demonstrated. Ranching on a large scale have been conducted here since the early eighties, and to-day great herds of range cattle roam at will over these seemingly boundless pastures. The clear, light air, dry atmosphere, the pure water, cool nights and the nutritious buffalo and bunch grasses, produce an animal full of stamina and health, free from lung or bone disease, and when taken off the range the cattle are fit for any butcher's shop in the world. It is not necessary to point out to stockmen the profits to be derived from raising cattle. Small quantities of hay are put up by some ranchers for the



AN ABANDONED BUFFALO HAUNT.

weaker stock during inclement weather in the winter. Three and four-year-old steers bring from \$42 to \$50 per head. Last year 1,000 head were sold from one ranch for \$50,000.

LOCATION OF LANDS.

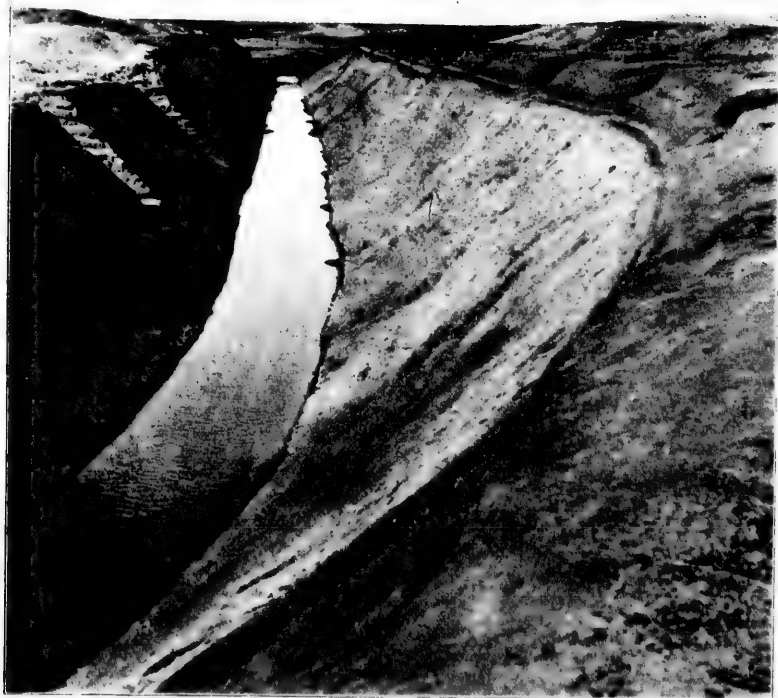
Owing to the rapidity with which vacant lands throughout the United States are being settled upon, large areas for stock-raising purposes are yearly becoming more difficult to obtain, and, in consequence thereof, it is only a question of a few years when such lands will be very valuable.



VALLEY OF ST. MARY'S RIVER.



A SEA OF GRASS.



A MAMMOTH TUSK.

Milk River is a small stream about thirty feet wide and from one to three feet deep. It rises in Montana at the eastern base of the Rocky Mountains, and flowing northward into Alberta, Canada, it turns and runs eastward about 100 miles (never reaching a greater distance than ten miles north of the international boundary), and reënters Montana and becomes one of the feeders of the Missouri River.

The Milk River Ridge is a low range of hills, lying to the north of and extending along the Milk River about thirty miles; having a width from north to south of about eighteen miles.



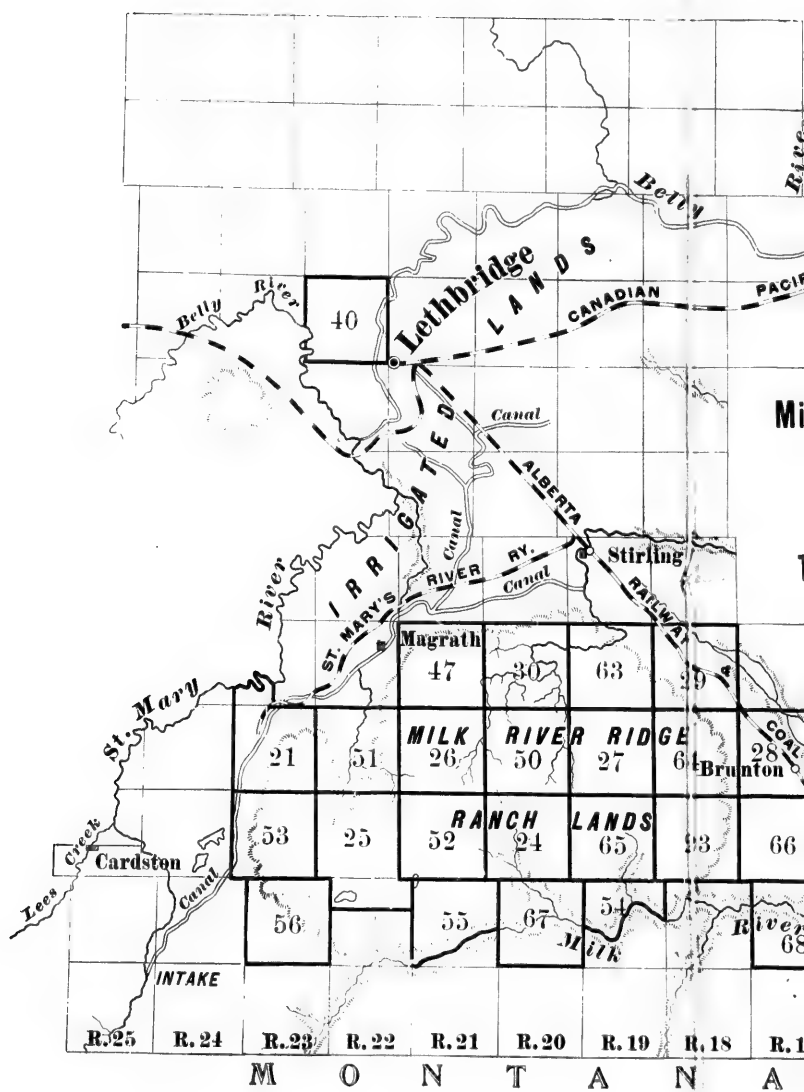
A SNAP SHOT.

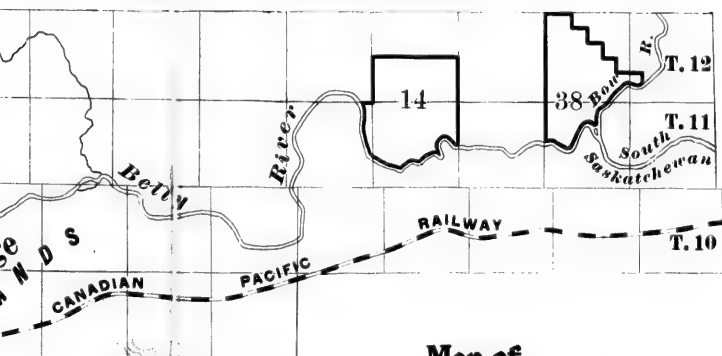
The Milk River Ridge District is preëminently suited for stock-raising purposes. It produces a luxuriant growth of grass, yielding as high as one ton per acre, which cures on the stem, retaining its nutritious properties the entire year. The snow is never deep enough to prevent the animals from eating the grass off the ground. Good water, in lakes and springs, is to be had in abundance.

Cattle thieving and other acts of vandalism are comparatively rare in the Northwest Territories. The Government has had a force known as the Northwest Mounted Police stationed in the country for the past twenty-five years. These "Riders of the



NATURE'S MEADOW.





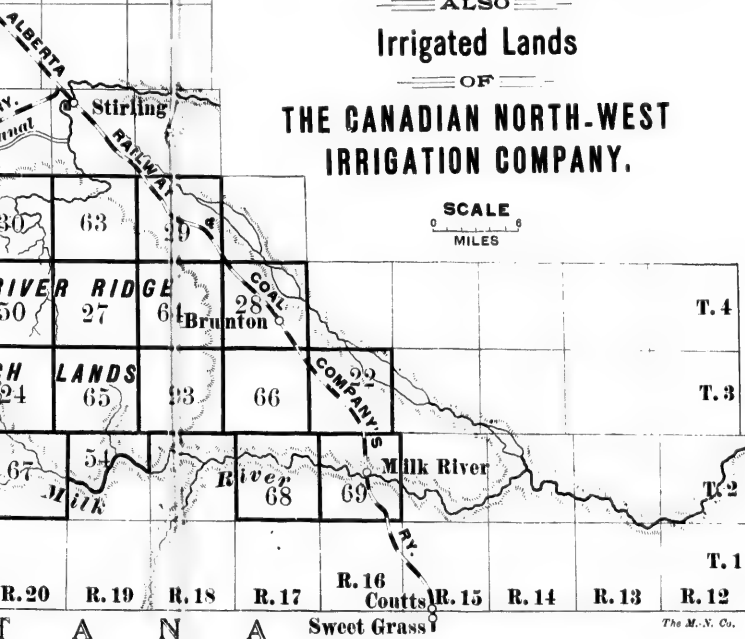
**Map of
Milk River Ridge Grazing Lands.**

— ALSO —

Irrigated Lands

— OF —

**THE CANADIAN NORTH-WEST
IRRIGATION COMPANY.**



Plains" are located in small detachments throughout the country, and are constantly patrolling it; thereby rendering lawlessness practically impossible, and earning for themselves a reputation which has become world famous.

HOW TO OBTAIN LANDS.

The Canadian Northwest Irrigation Company and the Alberta Railway & Coal Company own the principal portions of the Milk River Ridge District, as well as large areas of other choice ranching lands in Southern Alberta. These lands are offered for



THE DAY'S REST.

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sale in blocks containing from 10,000 to 100,000 acres; and for convenience of reference, the blocks, consisting of townships, and in certain instances parts of townships, are numbered on the map herewith. Prices and terms may be had on application to either of the companies named at their offices in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada.

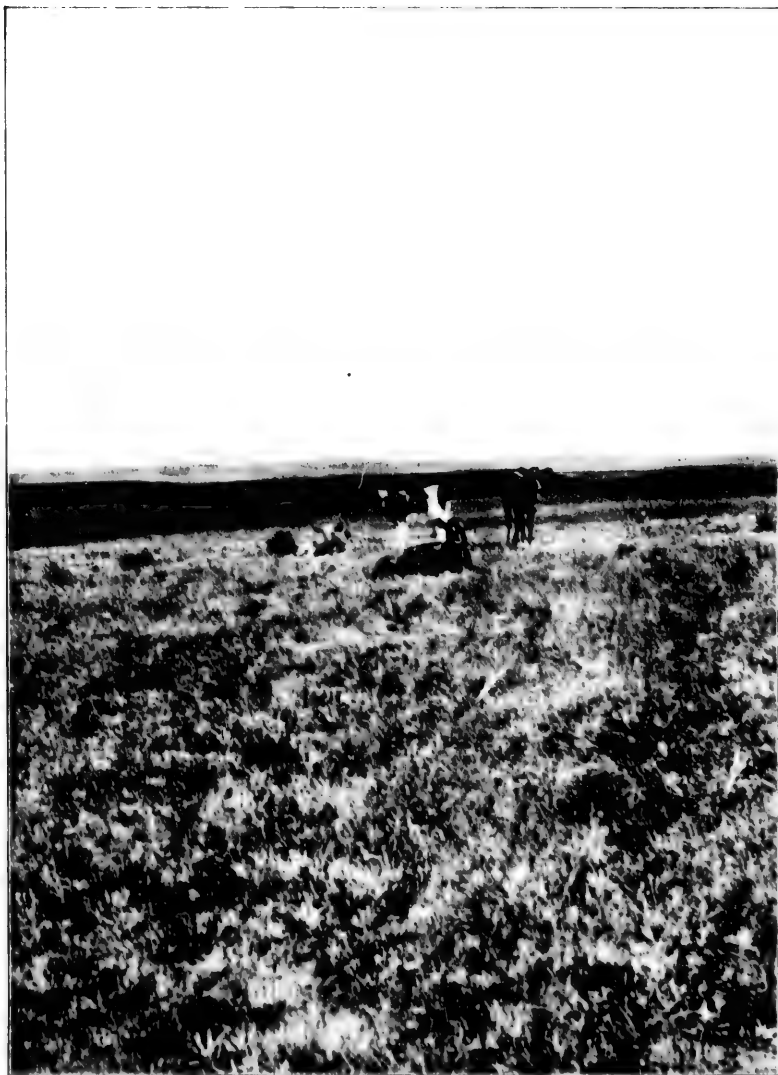
IRRIGATED LANDS.

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Skirting the Milk River Ridge, on the north, is the Canadian Northwest Irrigation Company's Canal System. It consists of over 100 miles of waterways,



HAS IT AN EQUAL?



GROWING DAY AND NIGHT



WHAT MORE IS NEEDED?

capable of irrigating 100,000 acres of low-lying lands under the ridge. These lands will be offered at moderate figures, and stockmen desiring to guard against the risk of hard winters can grow hay on an irrigated farm within a reasonable distance from their ranch. At present, ranch lands may be had extending down to the canal system.

• MARKETS.

There is an unlimited market for fat cattle on the western coast, the great mining districts of British Columbia, which adjoin Alberta to the west, and



ST. MARY'S RIVER—INTAKE OF CANAL

especially in Europe, at a rate that will abundantly satisfy investors.

Southern Alberta range cattle are looked upon most favorably in the English markets.

TAXES.

There are no taxes of any kind on range stock. A light tax of one and one-fourth cents per acre is levied on lands by the local government, known as "The Local Improvement Tax." It is raised for the purpose of road improvement, prairie-fire guards, and such other purposes as will benefit the district within



BUFFALOES -- A VISION OF THE PAST.



A SHEPHERD VALLEY.



ON ROAD TO STOCKYARDS.

which the tax is collected. In the towns and settlements there is a school tax. An excellent school system is in force, supported to the extent of about seventy-five per cent. of running expenses, by the local government.

FUEL.

The country is underlaid with an excellent bituminous coal at a depth varying from seventy-five to 300 feet below the surface of the ground. The coal seams crop out at various points along the river valleys, and coal has been found in the Milk River Ridge.



HUNTING SCENE — PARTY OF LETHBRIDGE SPORTSMEN.

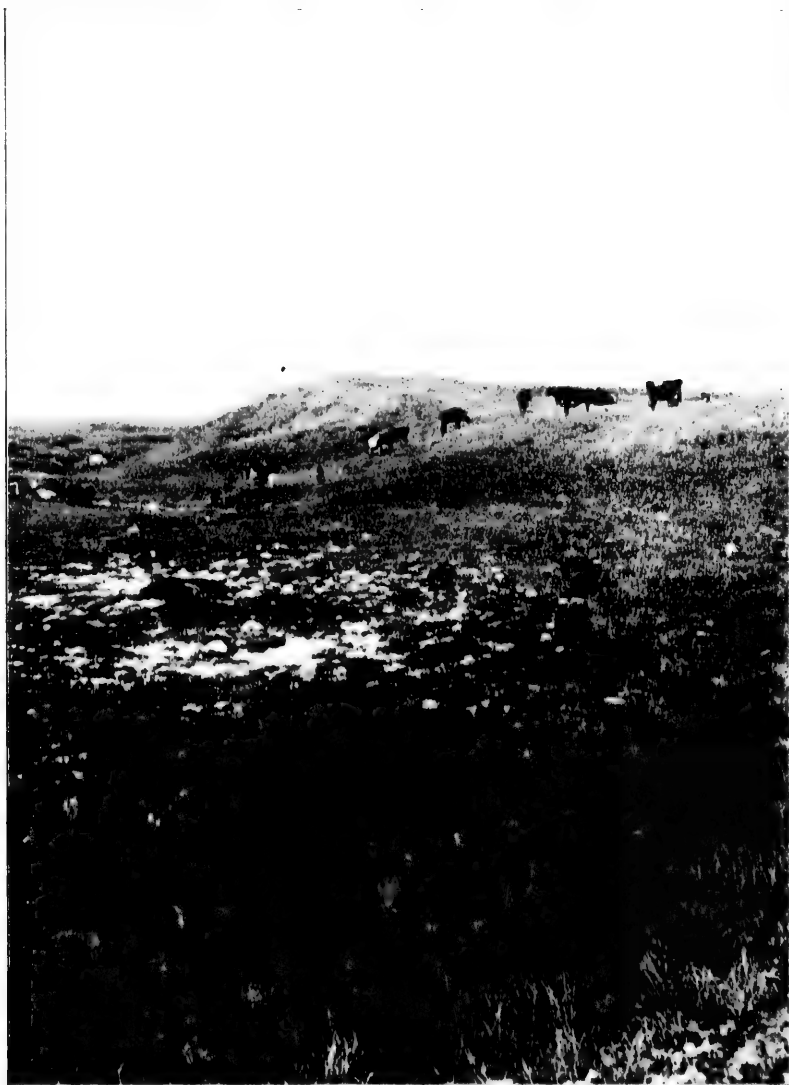
LUMBER.

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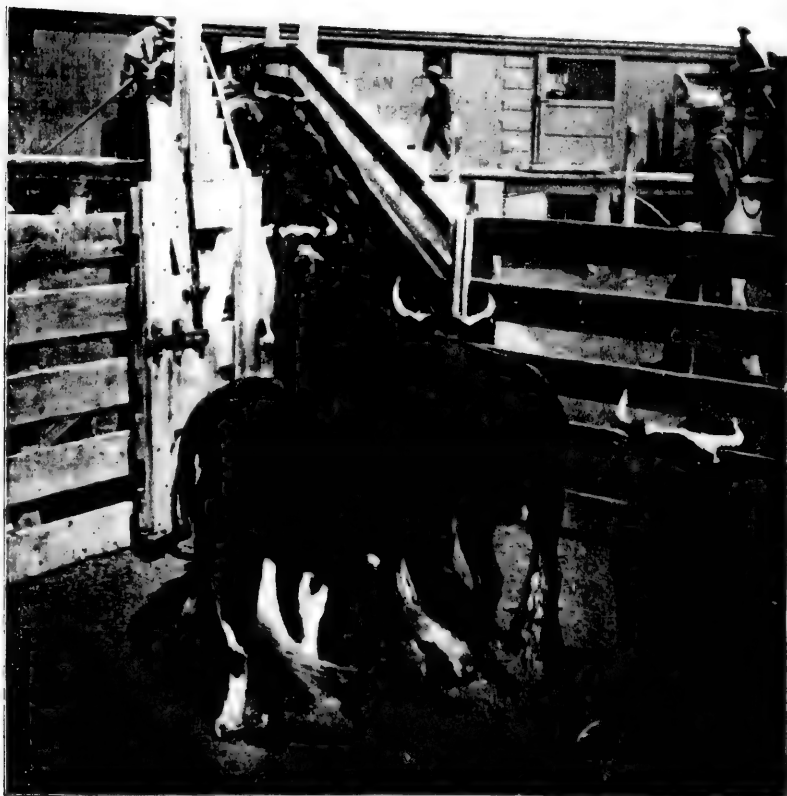
Rough Lumber, per M,	\$16.00
Dimension Lumber, 2 x 4, 2 x 12, No. 1,	15.50
Dimension Lumber, 2 x 4, 2 x 12, No. 2,	
Fir Flooring,	27.00
Fir and Pine Siding,	27.00
6-Ship-lap,	18.00
No. 1 Coast Cedar Shingles, per M,	2.85
No. 2 Coast Cedar Shingles, per M,	2.50
Tar Paper, best, per roll,	1.00
Building Paper, per roll,75
Lath, per M,	4.75
Cedar Posts,13
Bricks, per M,	10.00



LAKE IN RIDGE.



AFTER A MIDDAY DRINK



LOADING CATTLE, LETHBRIDGE STOCK YARDS

FISHING AND HUNTING.

Wild geese and ducks are always to be found in the small lakes in the fall in myriads. Prairie chickens are very plentiful within a distance of from fifteen to thirty miles westward from the Milk River Ridge District; the finest trout and other fishing may be had in streams and rivulets in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, and antelopes still abound on the plains adjacent thereto. The grandeur and beauty of these mountains in Alberta cannot be excelled. All these advantages combined make this region truly a "sportsman's paradise."

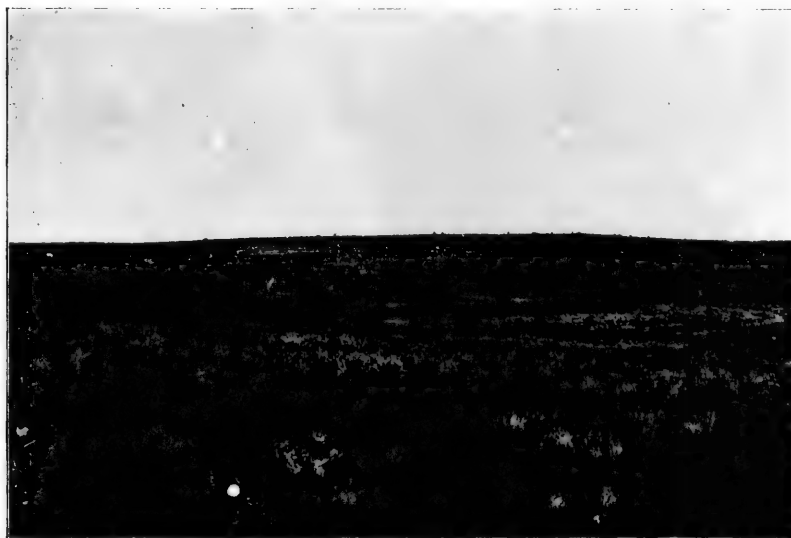


GALT HOSPITAL, LETHBRIDGE.

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

Stock coming into Canada from the United States is examined at the boundary by a Veterinary Inspector, and, if found free from disease, will be admitted upon payment of a duty of twenty per cent., based on a fair value of the stock at the shipping point.

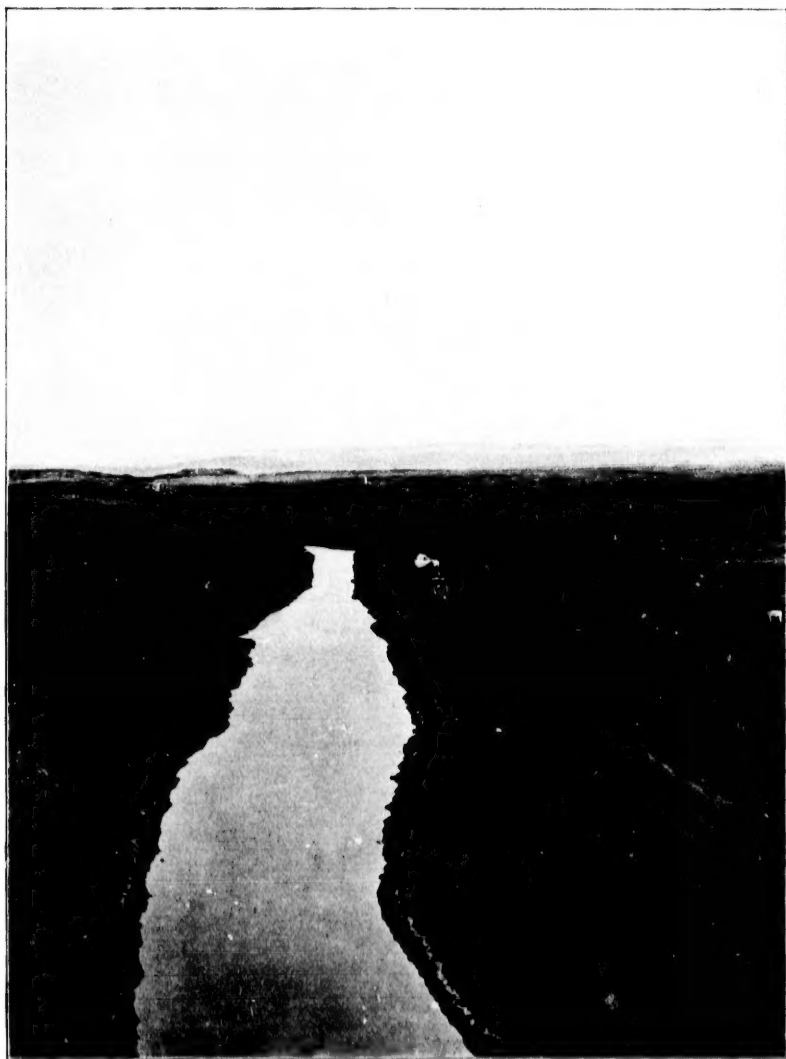
Free entries may be had on from sixteen to thirty-two head of stock, and on wearing apparel, household furniture, agricultural and other implements that have been in the possession of the settler for at least six months before his arrival in Canada.



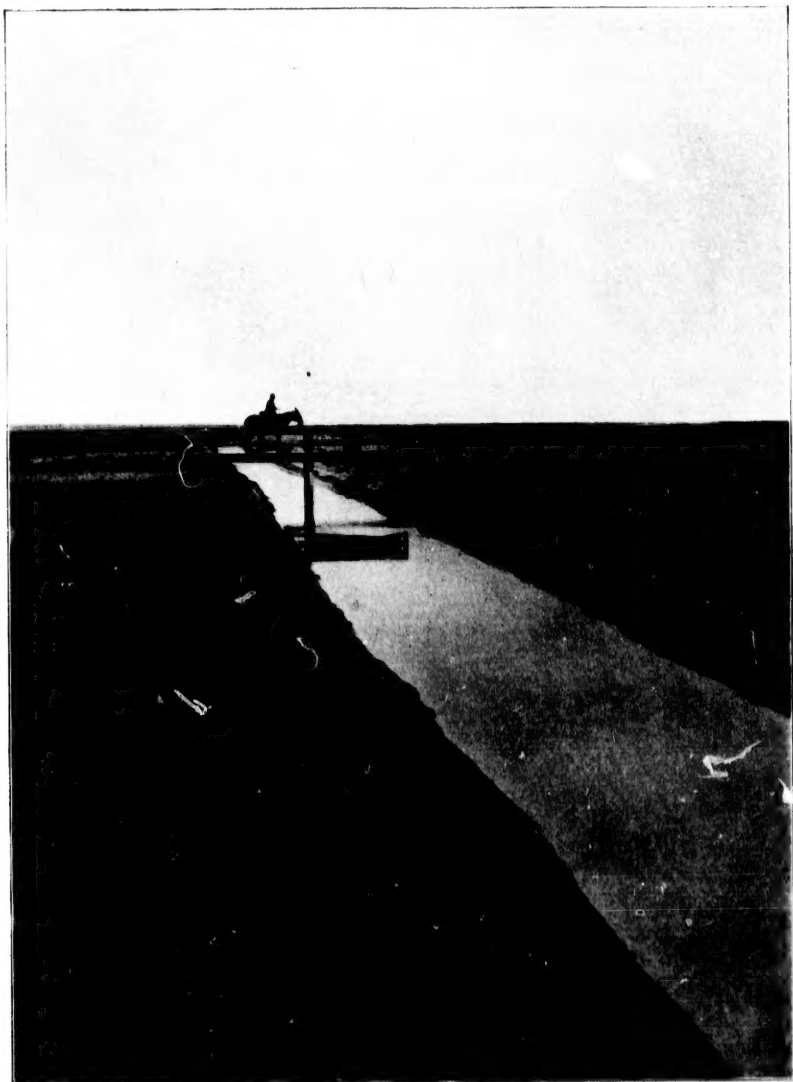
WHY SHOULD NOT THEY BE HAPPY?



"RIDERS OF THE PLAINS"—CANADIAN NORTHWEST MOUNTED POLICE.



CANAL AND POT-HOLE VALLEY.



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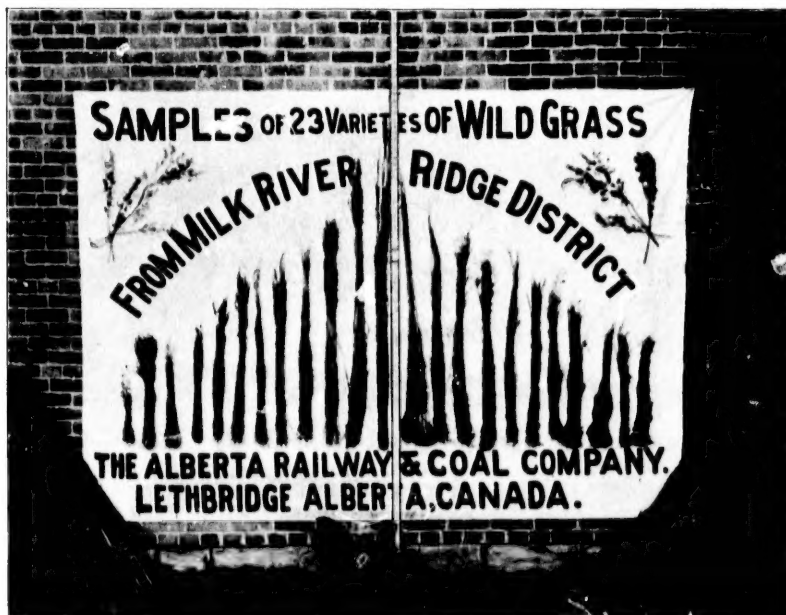
SOUTHERN ALBERTA, HOW REACHED.

Lethbridge, a town of over 2,500 inhabitants, is the most central point. It has excellent railway facilities, namely:

From all points in Canada, via the Canadian Pacific Railway.

From Ogden, Utah, thirty-six hours, via the Oregon Short Line, Great Northern, and the Great Falls & Canada railways.

From St. Paul, Minn., thirty-six hours, via the Great Northern and Great Falls & Canada railways.



SAMPLE OF WILD GRASSES.



CENTRAL SCHOOL — LETHBRIDGE.